

# The Intelligencer.

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## OUR COSTLY MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

With an army of about 100,000 men the United States under the present administration is spending more money than any one of the great military powers of Europe for the maintenance of its army. It is claimed that comparisons are odious and that they may be, but the truth can harm no one and the people of the United States who pay the costs of our army can learn better by comparison than any other means the inexcusable and unwarranted extravagance of the present administration in the lavish pouring out of the people's money in their effort at imperialism and in their greed for the acquisition of territory. Only by comparison can this amazing extravagance be shown.

From reliable tables recently published we learn that the cost of army, navy and pensions in the United States is \$392,000,000, while the same departments cost Great Britain \$265,000,000; France, \$210,000,000; Germany, \$157,500,000 and Russia, \$200,000,000. Great Britain spends \$127,000,000 less than the United States, and yet Great Britain has been maintaining 200,000 soldiers in South Africa, with heavy cost of transportation and supplies. The armies supported by all these powers are much larger than the army of the United States. England's force is about 500,000; Russia's, 761,000; Germany, 591,000; France, 561,000 as compared with the United States' 105,000.

In 1895, before our country had entered upon its mad course of conquest, the expenditures for army, navy and pensions amounted to \$199,000,000; but now it is \$392,000,000. Nearly \$200,000,000 is the cost of the folly of imperialism, and the end is not yet in sight. This, too, in the face of our national conscience which has hitherto had some qualms at murder, rapine and plunder; regardless, too, of the teachings of good morals and regardless of our past professions of abhorrence of everything smacking of tyranny and despotism.

The people are paying heavily for the folly into which they have been plunged, but so skillfully is the money extracted from their pockets by a system of indirect taxation that they have not yet realized to what an extent they are being robbed. Harrison's billion dollar congress and McKinley's billion dollar single session are but the commencement of the reign of extravagance which the republican party, emboldened by its large majority in congress, has inaugurated.

It remains to be seen how long the American people will submit to this financial bleeding before they rise up in indignation and crush the party that dares to rob them for the purpose of waging an extravagant war of conquest against a few feeble countries whose only offense consists in their love of home and liberty.

Corn hovering around 50 cents per bushel is the result of the corner which George H. Phillips seems to have on the Chicago corn market and he has been giving the "shorts" a lively dance to the high notes in the scale of prices. Go it, Mr. Phillips, and if the squeezing process will enable the farmer to get a few cents more for his corn and his hogs and his cattle, let her squeeze.

Since the capture of Aguinaldo, Secretary Root and President McKinley have figured it out that this country can get along with about 75,000 soldiers. When the people get tired of paying for the pomp of war in time of peace they will put a man in the White house who can get along with less.

American hounds at the Union coursing park in San Francisco recently in a contest with imported English and Australian hounds carried off the honors. Our fat cousin and his dogs on the other side of the pond are too much on the ice wagon style.

Mr. Clarence Virion, of Lexington, ex-prosecuting attorney of Lafayette county, and Mr. Chas. Keith, of Higginsville, entered into a law partnership this week. Mr. Virion will retain his office here and Mr. Keith will still be at his Higginsville office. These gentlemen are both well and favorably known in our county. Mr. Keith was reared in the county and has been practicing law in Higginsville for the past three years. Mr. Virion has recently finished his second term as prosecuting attorney, in which office he made a most excellent record. The firm is a strong one and will look carefully after the interests of its clients.

Mr. Babcock, republican member of the ways and means committee of the house, in declaring that the tariff on steel and iron should be removed, as these industries no longer need protection, is simply confirming the correctness of the democratic party's position for a number of years past. The protection of such overgrown infants as the steel and iron trusts is the price the people are forced to pay for the slush fund contributions which these lusty infants have given the republican party.

The announcement is made from New York that Frederick P. Fish will take office July 1 as president of the American Bell Telephone Company and American Telephone and Telegraph Company at a salary of \$100,000 a year. A few such combination trust salaries cut in two might enable these companies to give the people lower rates for telephone and telegraph service.

The Columbian Minister, Dr. Carlos Martinez Silva, is still hanging around Washington to see what he can accomplish towards making a deal with Secretary Hay to unload the defunct Panama canal on the United States. As the matter will have to go through congress, we predict that he will have difficulty in selling the carcass to Uncle Sam.

Twenty thousand persons are waiting on the borders of the Kiowa and Wichita reservations to secure homesteads when these lands are opened. This large number of apparently homeless people would lead us to believe that the McKinley prosperity is not so general as Mark and Mack would have us believe.

The heirs of the Magee estate in Philadelphia are contesting the physicians bill of \$190,000 for services during the illness of the late Senator Magee. A few such bills as that would be all a physician needed to elevate him to the millionaire class.

Mrs. Botha has taken up the task of arranging peace between her husband and Lord Kitchener. For the sake of humanity and the right it is to be hoped that this unboly war may soon be brought to a close on honorable terms for both parties.

The death of Lieutenant Thomas M. Cobb Jr. was a great shock to the people of Lexington and was felt by many here almost as a personal loss, so warm a place did he and his father's family hold in the hearts of our people.

The desertion of First Lieutenant Frank E. Edwards of the twenty-sixth volunteer infantry to escape court martial is very much in the line of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

The former secretary of the Turkish legation at Washington declines to return to Constantinople to answer to the charge of treason, not wishing his hair cut off under his chin.

The revival of railroad building in the west and southwest is another evidence that the commercial center as well as the center of population is moving westward.

The so-called crazy Boer general, De Wet, seems to have enough good common sense left to keep the British guessing as to where he will have his next fit.

Fred C. Meier, commissioner of supplies in St. Louis is advertising to buy sponges. He ought to be able to get Zuegenheim cheap since the election.

The man who drills a hole in the ground in Texas and sticks it heavily for an oil prospect has discovered the process of making oil and water mix.

## Condensed News.

Italy had a slight earthquake shock Wednesday afternoon.

The Travelers Protective association met in Kansas City Wednesday and remained over Thursday.

The mayor of Memphis, Tenn., has ordered the closing of summer opera houses on Sunday.

General Cailles has proclaimed himself the successor of Aguinaldo and dictator over the Filipinos.

Bad Taylor, who killed Ruth Nollard in Kansas City has made application for a change of venue.

The Ohio River has been on a big rise the past week and much damage has been done by the high water.

President Diaz of Mexico has announced that he is too busy to meet President McKinley at the border.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition commission appointed by President McKinley met at the Southern hotel in St. Louis Tuesday.

Yesterday's Kansas City papers announce that the board of police commissioners will probably close the saloons there on Sunday.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company incorporated yesterday for \$5,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is subscribed and \$500,000 paid in.

Fifteen thousand or more Odd Fellows met in Kansas City yesterday to celebrate the eighty-second anniversary of the founding of the order.

A terrible explosion was reported in yesterday's papers from Frankfurt, Germany. It was in the smokeless powder works near there and it is reported that 150 employees have been killed or injured.

There will be no Priests of Pallas parade in Kansas City this fall but the usual annual ball will be given. Instead of the parade there will be a carnival of entertainments in Convention hall lasting one week.

At the annual meeting in St. Louis this week of the Grand Commandery of Missouri Knights Templar, Horace G. Clark was elected grand commander and William H. Mayo re-elected grand recorder for the twenty-fourth consecutive year.

Ben H. Morse, the man who swindled so many widows, voluntarily went to Jefferson City this week and asked to be put in the penitentiary. He had to wait for the necessary papers to come from Kansas City before the warden would take him in.

Two officers were shot by tramps last week at Joplin while the officers were trying to take the tramps, of whom there were six, to the jail. Six men supposed to be the Joplin murderers were captured in Kansas City in the east bottoms near Heims brewery.

J. A. Slaten and O. H. Monroe pleaded guilty before Judge Phillips in Kansas City Wednesday and were fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and one day. Burt M. Hawkins, who pleaded guilty to the same charge was granted a stay of sentence on condition that his father take him back to Oklahoma.

The commission of five delegates of the Cuban constitutional convention, consisting of Domingo Mendez Capote, Pedro E. Betancourt, Rafael M. Portuondo, Diego Tamayo and Pedro Gonzales Llorente, who were sent to Washington to confer with the president regarding Cuban relief with this country, arrived here Wednesday morning, together with an interpreter and representatives of the Havana press. They were received by the president Thursday.

## Higginsville.

Fred Grau shipped four ears of cattle to St. Louis Monday.

Mrs. Mary Leary, aged 72 years, fell Saturday and broke a rib near the backbone.

The Higginsville Leader is agitating an improvement in the electric light and water systems.

The pupils of rooms five, six and seven gave a literary programme last Friday morning in room six.

Joe Burns, who was arrested Monday at Lexington, will be tried here on the charge of assault on Mrs. McCarty, a widow living in the city, with attempt to rape.

Jas. H. Anderson, of near Higginsville was a welcome caller at our office Monday.

## Dover.

Mr. Earle Cole has a position in Alma.

Mrs. Annie Wilson visited Lexington last Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Redd is in Kansas City this week on business.

Capt. Redd who has been on the sick list for some time is able to be out.

Mrs. Hall and Miss Kate Stoltz were shopping last Saturday in Lexington.

Mrs. Rose Tucker of Higginsville is to establish a branch millinery store in Dover.

Mr. Henry Erdman and Miss Alma Slusher of Corder visited the Misses Cather last Friday.

Mr. Wm. Meng, one of Dover's enterprising druggists, visited Higginsville one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bray have moved to Mr. Robert Pointer's. They formerly lived near Waverly.

The Warren farm in the suburbs of the town was sold last week and purchased by Mrs. Ike Warren of St. Louis.

Mr. Harmon Wahl who had his foot injured in a runaway several weeks ago is now able to get around on crutches in a rather lively manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harwood left last Wednesday for Idaho where they will reside permanently. Their daughter, Miss May, who is teaching in Kansas City will join them later. Mr. Harwood is one of Dover's oldest citizens, and he and his family will be missed very much.

Mr. Frank Gordon entertained a number of young people last Friday at his bachelor's hall near Lexington. All who went from here report a pleasant evening and praise Mr. Gordon very highly for his hospitality and the surpassing neatness of his housekeeper—who we understand will arrive later.

The little city of Dover has awakened to renew her strength and enlarge her boundaries to the extent of several new residences. It is probably the prospect of the new railroad and "electric light plant" or something magnanimous that Mr. Carnegie proposes to do. Whatever it is that has excited this possible "boom," it is to be trusted that the glimmer of hope which has been aroused will not flicker and die.

## Concordia.

The number of pupils attending the different parochial schools here is 326.

Petering and Lohman shipped a car load of hogs to Kansas City, Monday.

Editor Sevin, of the Higginsville Thibote, visited relatives here, Sunday.

Otto Kresse, of Shreveport, La., has been here this week visiting his parents.

Mr. John Petering has been engaged to teach the Eureka No. 2 school for another term.

In a game of ball last Sunday between the Stars and Blues the score was 42 to 5 in favor of the Blues.

Saturday is market day here and a large number of people are expected in town that day if the weather is good.

The fire department was called out Wednesday by a fire alarm at Mr. Dammann's house, but it proved to be only the burning out of a chimney.

An interesting program has been arranged for German Pioneer Day here May 15th. There will be a grand picnic during the day and a moonlight picnic at night.

The entertainment by the Epworth League of the M. E. church Tuesday night at Bruns hall was a success and realized a nice sum for the church. The Concordia orchestra furnished the music.

## DEATHS.

Died, in Corder, Sunday, April 14, 1901, George Hershman, aged about 75 years.

Died Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1901, at 2:30 o'clock, at his residence near Blackburn, Mo., Col. John Donaldson, aged about 51 years. He was buried at Waverly, where his wife is buried, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Married, at Odessa, Mo., at the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. E. P. Gam and Miss Bessie Andrews, daughter of Judge Andrews, Rev. E. Y. Gam, officiating.

Perfect digestion is the only foundation for perfect health. The food we eat makes all the blood we have, which in turn feeds every nerve, muscle and tissue in the body. Herbie quickens the appetite, aids digestion, gives tone and vigor to all the faculties and insures good health. Price, 50 cents. For sale by Cresswell & Young. 4-6ml

## Around the World.

The ladies of the Christian church last Friday night gave a novel entertainment entitled "A Trip Around the World." Through their courtesy a reporter of the INTELLIGENCER and his better half were taken on the trip. Leaving New York (the Christian church) at about 8 p. m. we sailed in the good ship Happiness, bounding over the briny deep, and witnessed the lights along the shore of England, (Mr. Geo. Johnson's). A lay delayed our landing here for a few minutes and the chilly winds blew from the shore. We soon got a landing, however, and were ushered into the presence of the king (Capt. J. Q. Plattenburg) and queen (Miss Mary Blackwell) who received us most graciously and invited us to take refreshments with them. This was served in an elegant manner by their most loyal subjects, and after a brief tour of the country, which we greatly enjoyed, we embarked again and next touched at Japan, (Mr. John Weiborn's).

The Mikado was so busily occupied with his little troubles with Russia that he asked to be excused for the evening and we suffered no lack of attention in his beautiful kingdom where soft lights were shining through many colored lanterns and lovely decorations, characteristic of this beautiful island country, were on every hand. His faithful attendants, (Mrs. John Burden, Misses Maud Burden, Leslie Bates, Nancy Huston, Orlan O'Rourke and Carpenter, and Mr. Jack Lyons) arrayed in the charming costumes of this sunny land, showed us over the country and served us with the fragrant tea from his own special table.

Continuing our journey we touched next on America, (Mr. Clarence Virion's) the land of the free and the home of the brave, where Uncle Sam (Mr. John Tashman) was having a special celebration in honor of our arrival. He was ably assisted by Prof. Stark and others who furnished delightful music and sang for our special favor many of their beautiful national songs. As guests of the evening who assisted in entertaining us were his daughter Miss Columbia (Miss Leticia Warren), Mark Hanna (Mr. Douglass Meng), Aguinaldo (Mr. Ed. Price), who had just arrived from Manila, a beautiful Indian maiden (Miss Corrie Johnson), the costume of the 17th century, several distinguished ladies of the colonial period (Misses Denham and Nolle and Mary Warren). A twentieth century maiden (Miss Mayme Andrews), showed us the beautiful country and after enjoying the sights and taking refreshments we sailed for Spain, (Mr. T. J. Bandon's).

We were welcomed to this sunny country by the Spanish Maids (Misses Mattie Green) who after inviting us to partake of the hospitality of the table turned us over to the Spanish guide (Mr. Laura Taubman) who guided us to an audience with King Ferdinand (Mr. Dan Barron) and Queen Isabella (Miss Ann Hoffman) who received us most graciously. In our travels we saw Romeo (Mr. Walter Reeder) wooing with soft music his charming Juliet (Miss Baker). Spanish Don (Mr. Ernest Hoffman) playing sweet music on his mandolin, and Gypsy maiden (Miss Lee Young) intent to tell our fortune. Another Spanish maiden (Miss Stella Bandon) after showing us through this land, where lovely flowers and the Spanish colors, red and yellow, made a beautiful picture, invited us to refreshments and started with best wishes to Germany (Dr. H. Paynes).

Here we were greeted with "Die Wacht am Rhein," sung by six little German songsters in costume to the accompaniment of the piano, played by a German lass. In the corner of a "Gelehrtestube" sat Dr. Phil von Wissenschaft (Gordon Graham), writing ten volume work on Hebrew verbs, the parlor representing the imperial palace was second lieutenant E. von Knebel the Garde grenadiere (Earl Kent) and premier lieutenant von Scharfgeklirr (D. Buchmuller), of the 10th The Gate Stube was a busy society German peasant maids, (Misses Lora Payne, Fannie Chandler and O. Guenther), turned the spinning wheel and stately hausfrau (Miss Lora Weller) rocked little Gretchen. Mr. Payne the "bachelor" met us with cherry gales ahead and invited us to partake of "kaffee" and "kuchelkuchen." This ended our tour which was enjoyed by all the passengers on our ship.

## Notice!

The undersigned committee was appointed by the board of education Lexington, Mo., to solicit plans and specifications for a modern four school building. Same to be voted to the board of education not later than the 10th day of May for approval or rejection.

Lexington, Mo., April, 1901.

T. J. BAXTON,  
B. T. WILSON,  
JOS. L. LORAN,  
Committee.

## SIXTHS.

Born, near Corder, Thursday, April 19, 1901, to the wife of Mr. Richard Borden a boy.

Born, at Concordia, Saturday, April 20, 1901, to the wife of Mr. H. W. Taylor a boy.

Born, near Concordia, Saturday, April 20, 1901, to the wife of Mr. John W. Taylor a girl.

Born, near Concordia, Tuesday, April 23, to the wife of Mr. Henry Leary a boy.